REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to present a preferred set of claims for this application.

The claims are fully supported by the original specification and contain no new matter.

To expedite prosecution of these claims, enclosed herewith is a Declaration by Applicants' agent that confirms that the claimed ATCC microorganisms are deposited with the American Type Culture Collection and meet all of the requirements of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the purpose of Patent Procedure.

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